



## DX bulletin 189

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## DX news

### **The 2017 IOTA Honour Roll and Annual Listings**

The 2017 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted **HERE**. Together the two main listings show growth of 8.4% over the same listings in 2016. 207 record-holders have scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, an increase of 11.3%, and 552 have scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque, up by 6.4%. Scores at the top continue to close with 35 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark.

Congratulations to joint leaders 9A2AA, I2YDX and I8ACB on 1118 groups out of a possible 1123 and indeed to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year. [Tnx G3KMA]

## DXCC

### **This week on HF**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Paul, G8AFC is operating as 3B8HE until April 5. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

**3D2, FIJI** Phill, FK1TS is QRV as 3D2TS. Operation on all bands using JT65. QSL via home call. More to follow.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is operating as 4S7KKG until April. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

**5U, NIGER** A large team will be QRV as 5U5R from March 8 until March 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5RM.

<http://www.dxfriends.com/5u5r/index.php>

**5V, TOGO** Franco, I1FQH will be operating as 5V7V from March 3 until March 14. Activity on 80 and 160 meter and maybe 30 and 40 meter. QSL via EA5GL.

**5X, UGANDA** Jonathan, KK7PW is active as 5X1O until March 7. Operation during his spare time using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

**6W, SENEGAL** Michel, F6AFH is active as 6W7SS until April. QSL via home call.

**6W, SENEGAL**

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU**

Peter, HA3AUI is once again operating as 6W2SC and as J5UAP until March 5. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW, other modes on request. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

**8P, BARBADOS** Chuck, KG9N is operating as 8P9AL until March 7. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**8P, BARBADOS** Bob, G3PJT will be operating as 8P9IF from March 7 until March 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** A German team is operating as 8Q7LH until March 9. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, Club Log OQRS.

**9G, GHANA** A team of 6 operators is active as 9G5X during March. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW.

<http://www.ossett.net/9G5X/index.html>

**9N, NEPAL** Members of the newly formed EI DX Group will be operating as 9N7EI from March 8 until March 20. Operation with up to 5 stations from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS. <https://9n7ei.com/>

**9X, RWANDA** Harald DF2WO (XT2AW, D44TWO) is QRV until March 11. Activity using mainly digital modes and CW. He will operate from Kigali as 9X2AW. QSL via M0OXO.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Lajos, HB9GIU is operating as C6ABD until March 11. Operation on 40 and 20 meter in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Look for M1ACB, M0VFC and M0IDA as C6APY between March 4 and March 11. Activity with 3 stations from 40 to 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

**EA8, CANARY ISLANDS** Tom, DL7UZO is operating as EA8/call from Fuerteventura. QRV until March 11. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are QRV as FG/calls until March 13. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Philippe, F1DUZ is operating as FG4KH until March 26. Operation on HF using SSB and maybe 2 meter EME. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is operating as TO7D until March 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Davis, F8AAN is QRV as FS/call until March 10. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Will, AA4NC is active during March as 5K0N. QSL via home call, direct only.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is QRV as HR5/call until April 24. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is operating as call/JD1. Operation during his spare until March 15. Operation from 20 to 6 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via JG8NQJ bureau or via JA8CJY direct.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Makoto, JI5RPT will once again be active as JD1BLY from March 7 until March 10. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. <http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/>

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, OH6VDA is active in 'holiday-style' as JW6VDA until March 22. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or home call.

**JW, SVALBARD** Kamil, SQ8KFH is active as JW/call while working at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. Operation until May 20 on 20 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**KP2, US VIRGIN ISLANDS** John, KK9A is active as WP2AA until March 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via WD9DZV.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Joeke, PA0VDV is active as PJ2/call until end March. Operation using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** K2NG, NA2AA, K3SW, PJ4LS and PJ4DX will be QRV as PJ4G during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (QSL via WA2NHA and LoTW). After the contest, until March 11 they will sign as PJ4/calls. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until March 17.

Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**TI, COSTA RICA** Matt, K0BBC is active as TI7/call until March 7. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Babs DL7AFS and Lot DJ7ZG are once again active as V21ZG until March 26. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 meter using mainly SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. QSL via DL7AFS. <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

**V3, BELIZE** Paul, VE3AXT is once again operating as V31AX until March 17. QSL via MOURX, OQRS.

**VP2M, MONTSERRAT** Charlie, K1XX is QRV as VP2MMF until March 5. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Kevin, K6TOP is once again active as VP2V/call until March 3. Activity during his spare time from 40 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via NR6M or via LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Bill, K2WH will be operating as VP2V/call from March 4 until March 10. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** A team with Uwe DJ9HX, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL5JGN and Ronald PA3EWP is active as VP6EU until March 5. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DK2AMM direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS on Club Log.

<http://www.pitcairn2017.de/>

**XT, BURKINA FASO** Elvira, IV3FSG is active as XT2SE until March 13. Operation during her spare time from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via IK3GES.

## Coming up soon

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU will be operating as 5H3MB from March 14 until April 12. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**9N, NEPAL** Kazik, SP6AXW will once again be active as 9N7XW between March 15 and March 31. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**E5, SOUTH COOK** Dom, M1KTA will be operating as E51KTA between March 10 and March 19. Operation during his spare time. His location for the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (March 11-12) will be on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks. After that he might remain on Rarotonga, or move to other IOTA groups, either in the South Cooks or the North Cooks. "Listen hard to see which island it is", he says, "I'll not advertise which one in advance". QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA** Tom EA9/DJ6TF, Sigi EA9/DL7DF, Juergen EA9/DL7UFN and Frank EA9/DL7UFR will be QRV between March 15 and March 22. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<http://www.dl7df.com/ea9/>

**S2, BANGLADESH** Juris YL2GM and team will be operating as S21GM and S21KW between March 15 and March 27. S21GM callsign will be used in the first half of our DX pedition time, S21KW – in the second half. This is caused by the specifics of the regulations in Bangladesh, and not because we want more duplicated QSOs in the log. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OQRS Club Log, YL2GN bureau or direct, LoTW. <http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html>

**T2, TUVALU** Jacek SP5EAQ and Marek SP7DQR will be operating as T2AQ and T2QR (pending) from March 14 for about 3 weeks. Dates may change "due to the unpredictability of transport during the season of cyclones. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with Jacek running SSB and Marek CW and digital modes. <http://tuvalu.sp7dqr.pl/>

**TU, IVORY COAST** A 12-man team from Radio-club de Provins F6KOP will be operating between March 9 and March 19 as TU7C. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F1ULQ, direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

<https://tu2017dx.wordpress.com/>

**V3, BELIZE** Iain, G4SGX will be QRV as V31GX during the BERU Contest on March 11-12. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Colin, G4CWH will once again be active as ZF2CA from March 9 until March 13. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct only.

## **Antarctic base stations**

**Bellinghausen station** Alex, UA1OJL will be QRV as RI1ANO between April and March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

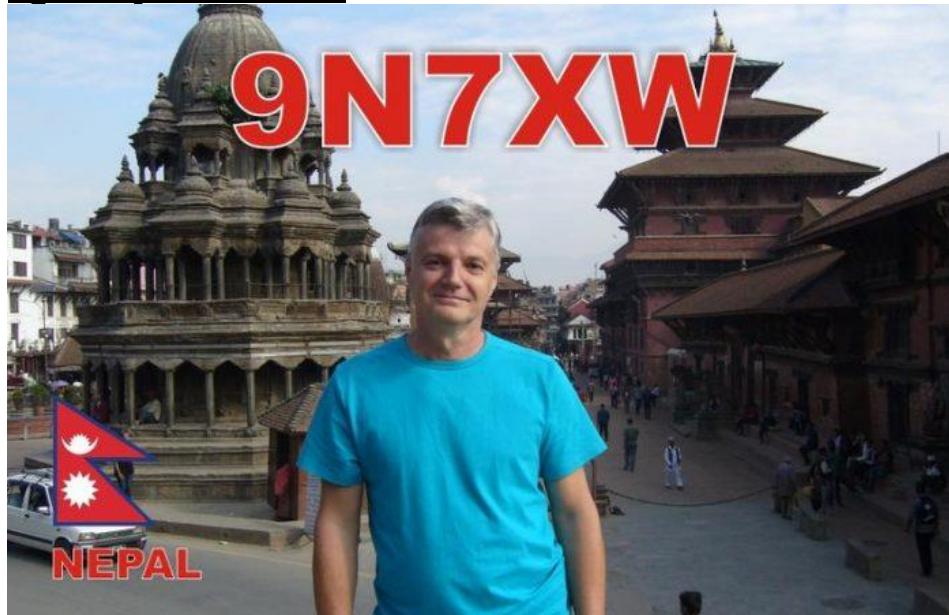
**Dumont d'Urville Station** Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>)

**Machu Picchu Base** Look for OA0MP until March 31. QSL via OA4O.

**Neumayer Station III** Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

**Syowa research station** Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

## **QSL preview**



# **IOTA**

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## **This week on HF**

**AS-026 Cheju Isl** Taka, JA8COE will be operating as HL4/call between March 8 and March 11. Operation from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as026>

**AS-046 Tioman Isl** The KLDX Team will be operating as 9M4IOTA between March 3 and March 5. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS046>

**AS-054 Fernliya Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS054>

**AS-121 Tyrtov Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS121>

**AS-104 Nansen Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS104>

**AS-068 Skott-Gansena Isl** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS068>

The RT9K team is active from these islands in the Arctic. They are active with 3 stations from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes.

Activation of islands:

Gelland-Gansena (AS-054) – estimated date until March 5

Tyrtov in Nordensheda Archipelago (AS-121) – estimated date 6-9 of March

Nansen (AS-104) – estimated date 10-14 of March

Scott-Gansen (AS-068) – estimated date 16-20 of March

QSL via RX9KM. <https://yadi.sk/i/9ZxIEaf8x4SYz> <https://www.qrz.com/db/rt9k/9>

**EU-063 Hopen Isl** Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Look for VY0ERC until early April. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA008>

**NA-054 Berry Isl** John M0IDA, Rob M0VFC and Steve M1ACB will be operating as C6APY. Dates are depending the weather but assume around March 4 until around March 10 or 11. Operation with 3 stations on the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW, logsearch on Club Log. <http://dx-world.net/c6apy-berry-islands-na-054-bahamas/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA054>

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Dave, VE3VSM is operating as call/HR9 until March 5. QSL via VE3VSM and LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA057>

**SA-028 Ilha das Couves** Look for ZV2CV starting around 11 UTC on April 8 until around 14 UTC on the 9th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via PY2XIZ, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=sa028>

**SA-061 Mocha Isl** A team will be operating as XR5M from March 8 until March 13. Operation on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL via IK2DUW. More to follow.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA061>

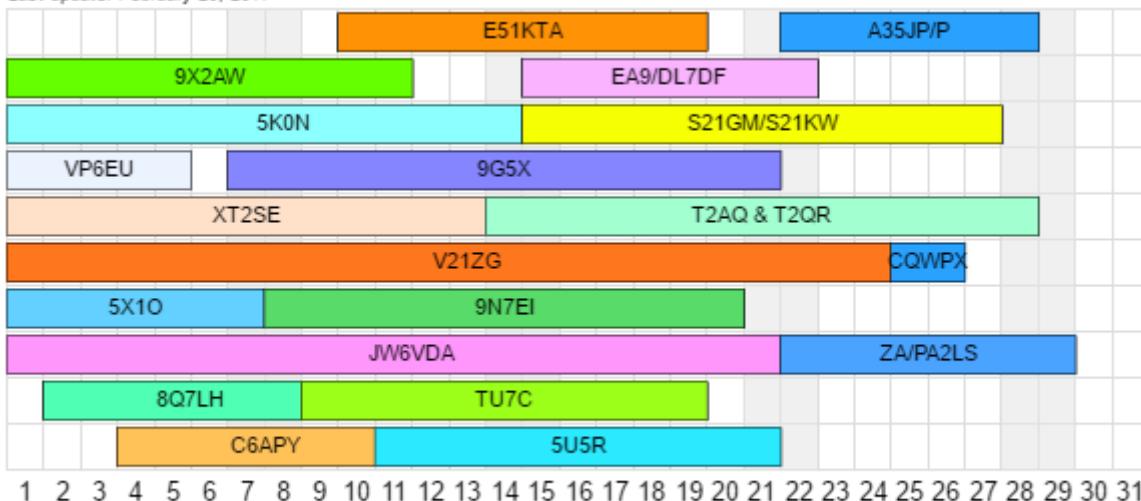
**SA-024 Castilho Isl** PX2CA <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA024>

**SA-047 Figueira Isl** ZZ5FI <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA047>

Look for PY2AE, PY2DS, PY2VOX and PU2POP from those IOTA's on March 2 and March 3. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. Activity as PX2CA (SA-024) and as ZZ5FI from (SA-047). PX2CA QSL via PY2VOX, QSL for ZZ5FI via PY2AE.

# DX Timeline by **DXWORLD.net**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**CEOY, EASTER ISLAND** Eliot, W1MJ will be operating as CEOY/call from April 2 until April 6. Activity from 40 to 15 meter. QSL via home call.

**E4, PALESTINE** Members of the True DXing Group with SP9FIG, SQ9CNN and SQ9D will be QRV as E44WE early spring 2017. QSL via SP9FIH, Club Log OQRS.

<http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org/>

**EA9, CEUTA & MELILLA** Nobu, JA0JHQ will be QRV as EA9/call between March 20 and March 21. Activity on 17 and 15 meter (40 might be possible) using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

**ER, MOLDOVA** Members of the Beskidzki's ARC will be active as ER0PL from April 23 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Paul, W7NZJ will once again be active as FS/call from April 7 until April 16. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via eqsl.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** John, W5JON will once again be active V47JA from March 16 until April 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via W5JON, direct only and LoTW.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON** Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditions to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. our team will be active from saint brandon island 3B7 in October 2017 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

**3D2, ROTUMA** The next Rotuma DXpedition as 3D2AG/P is planned late March. More to follow.

**3Y, BOUVET ISL** A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>  
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

**A2, BOTSWANA** A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK from April 25 until May 6. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via MOOXO. <http://www.a25uk.com/>

**E5, SOUTH COOKS** Doug, W6HB will once again be QRV as E51DLD between April 28 and May 3. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Reiner, DL2AAZ will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as FG/call between May 22 and June 7. Operation from 30 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** The Barry ARS will be QRV as GT4BRS from April 15 until April 22. They aim to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65. Also planned is Top Band and Special efforts on 5Mhz to West Coast of USA (CW & JT65 & SSB) to give all time new one on 60 metres. QSL via DJ6OI.

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE** Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Members from Stirling District ARS and GMDX group will be operating as HB0/GM4UYE from June 1 until June 6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Whilst looking to give people an ATNO, ANY MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED to Yorkhill Children's Charity / Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Scotland. QSL via MOOXO, OQRS.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

**KH2, GUAM** Tony, EA5BY will be QRV as KH2BY between March 29 and April 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

**KH2, GUAM** Santos EA4AK and Tony EA5BY will be operating as AH2P and KH2BY from March 29 until April 10. Efforts will be made on the bands/nodes that are needed most. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

#### **PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

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#### **PJ7, ST MAARTEN**

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Philip, WA2ZAM will once again be active as PJ7PL from March 18 until April 3. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 30 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via WA1ZAM.

**PY0T, TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLAND** A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

**T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI** Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via MOOXO, OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will again be operating as T88UW between April 14 and April 21. Focus will be on 6 meter and digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

**T8, PALAU** Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as V4/calls between July 1 and July 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Thaire, W2APF will be operating as V47JR from March 18 until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Susume, JA6REX will once again be operating as V633KS from March 19 until April 3. Activity on 80 and 160 meter. QSL via home call.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will once again be QRV as V73XG from April 5 until April 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

#### **VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND**

#### **VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and others will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via MOOXO, OQRS.

**VK9M, MELLISH REEF** Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Look for PE1KL, PD5LKM and PA2LS as ZA/PA2LS from March 22 until March 29. Activity from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via PA2LS, bureau or direct.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Fred K5QBX and Royce KE5TC will be active as ZF2FL and ZF2TC from March 20 until March 27. Activity in 'holiday-style' using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Royce, KE5TC will be operating as ZF2TC from March 20 until March 27. Operation in 'holiday-style' using SSB and slow CW. QSL via home call.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Kan, JJ2RCJ will be operating as ZF2CJ from March 20 until March 24. Activity from the ZF1A shack from 80 to 6 meter using mostly RTTY. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

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**AF-108 Tigres Isl** A 8-man team will be operating the first half of June. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

**EU-030 Bornholm Isl** Fred, SM7DAY will be QRV as OZ/call/P between May 3 and May 10. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU030>

**EU-137 Ven Isl** SA7G/7 will be active from June 4 until June 11. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU137>

**NA-072 Taboga Isl** HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT during April 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP Radio Club de Panama. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

**OC-008 New Britain Isl** Haru, JA1XGI will be active as P29VXG between April 6 and April 12. Operation using mainly CW and digital modes. Focus on working Europe on JT65. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch Club Log.

<http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC008>

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

**OC-216 Ashmore Reef** Craig, VK5CE will activate this island early November as VK5CE/9. The IOTA is claimed by just 3.2% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is a one man operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmorereef.wordpress.com/>  
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

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**AF-094 Rachgoun Isl** The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

**AS-022 Leont'yeva Isl** Yury R2DG, Vasily R7AA and Yevgeny UA6EX will be operating as RI0LI between July 24 and July 31. Activity is planned with 2 stations on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or R7AA direct or bureau.

<http://www.ri0li.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS022>

**AS-039 Commander Isl** A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering.

In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

**AS-071 Arakamchechen Isl** The Russian Robinson Club is announcing an IOTA DXpedition to AS-071 as R71RRC, operation from April 7 until April 17 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UA3AKO, OQRS, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS071>

**AS-069 Iony Isl** A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

**AS-182 Mon Region group** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as182>

**AS-183 Tenasserim Region North group**

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as183>

**AS-184 Preparis Channel group** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as184>

Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Nils SM6CAS, Ulrika SM7WYN and Eddy K5WQG will be operating from 3 new Iota groups. Dates to be announced. The plan is to stay 6 days on each island and operate using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** A team from Tynemouth ARC will be operating as GS0NWM from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via MOURX, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-128 Fehmarn Isl** Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON4MW as DL/ON4IPA and DL/OO6P from June 17 until June 23. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More on

<http://www.qsl.net/o/on6om//EU-128/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu128>

**NA-019 Kodiak Isl** Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>

**NA-061 Kaien Isl** Mike, VE7ACN will be QRV as VE7ACN/7 from March 21 until March 26. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA061>

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

**NA-173 Charlton Isl** A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

**OC-123 Niuafo'ou Isl** Masa, JA0RQV will retry to be QRV as A35JP/P from March 22 until March 28. His Majesty Armed Forces of Tonga (NAVY) will officially cooperate this activation by transporting Masa to OC-123 as their personal mission. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC-123>

<http://dx-world.net/a35ip-p-niuafouu-island-oc-123/>

**OC-151 Flores Isl** Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

**OC-177 Seribu Isl** An Indonesian team will be operating as YE0S from March 20 until March 27. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. More on QRZ.com. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC177>

**OC-198 North Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions '*THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEDITIONS EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'*

**OC-226 Mwokil Isl** Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

**OC-233 Bruny Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/7 between April 22 and April 23. The focus will be North America on 40m/20m during the day and early evening and then Europe on 40m/20m during the late night and early morning. There is a direct salt water short path to Europe and JA. <https://oc233.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC233>

**OC-235 Siargao Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as DU9/call between May 9 and May 16. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC235>

**OC-267 Marion Reef** Andrey, VK5MAV will be QRV as VK9MAV end May –June 2017. QSL via Club Log OQRS, RN3RQ via bureau and LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc267>

**SA-028 Sao Sebatiao Isl** Look for LU9EFO, PU2KBD and PU7TDX as PY2/call between March 24 and March 26. Operation on HF using SSB. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA028>

## **Special call**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**F, FRANCE TM50KOK** is the call to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chatellerault ARC. Activity until March 15. QSL via F5KOK, direct or bureau.

**I, ITALY II1TON** is the special call to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARI Torino. Activity until June 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**OZ, DENMARK** Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

**SP, POLAND** Zbigniew, SP2IU is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> year on the air with the special call **HF60IU**. Operation until May 15. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**UA, RUSSIA** The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. Special calls to be active during March are **R8700** (March 1-10), **R1918M** (March 11-20) and **R1611M**

(March 21-31). Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

**UR, UKRAINE** The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

**VE, CANADA** Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

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**5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

**9H, MALTA** Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

**9N, NEPAL** Satish, 9N1AA will be operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

**DL, GERMANY DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DROHARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

**DL, GERMANY DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

**EI11WAW** - County Donegal

**EI22WAW** - County Leitrim

**EI33WAW** - County Sligo

**EI44WAW** - County Mayo

**EI55WAW** - County Galway

**EI66WAW** - County Clare

**EI77WAW** - County Limerick

**EI88WAW** - County Kerry

**EI99WAW** - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

**HA, HUNGARY** Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

**HA, HUNGARY** The MTTOSZ Györ Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Györ on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTTOSZ Györ Varosi Radioklub, Györ, Nagysandor József u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

**JA, JAPAN** **8J6HAM** marks the 16<sup>th</sup> West Japan Ham Fair until March 5. QSL via bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM10HAM** is the special call to mark the Norsk Hammeeting 2017. Activity until April 2. QSL via LA2G, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM80REX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

**LZ, BULGARY** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ303MA** (March), **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

**OH, FINLAND** Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** **OM42KYSUCE** is active to mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP.

<http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

**OZ, DENMARK** **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

**OZ, DENMARK** The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**OZ, DENMARK** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** **PA2017BP** is the special call to commemorate Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the scout movement. Activity until March 20. QSL via PA3EFR.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

**UA, RUSSIA** Look for **R108M** (QSL via RK3LC), **R12APR** (QSL via R3LO), **R1934G** (QSL via R3LC) and **RG61PP** (QSL via RZ3LC) until April 30 to commemorate the 56th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space.

<http://www.gagarin.ga/> for complete information on the event, online logs and the relevant awards.

**UA2, KALININGRAD** **R1336FO** and **R680FBO** are operating until April 20 to celebrate the 680<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Chernyakhovsk. QSL via R2FBO.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI8BOD** is the special call to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin during WW II. Operation until March 28. QSL via MOURX OQRS.

**W, USA** The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event" is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

**XE, MEXICO** Celebrating the spring equinox, which was important in Mayan culture, a group of operators will be active as **6E3MAYA** between March 18 and March 21 from different archaeological sites in the Mexican states of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas and Quintana Roo. Activity from 80 to 6 meters using SSB, CW, digital modes and satellite. QSL via XE3N and LoTW.

**XE, MEXICO** Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's QRSS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.